#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

| ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC. a Michigan corporation,  | ) 08CV4960                           |
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| Plaintiff,   | ) JUDGE MORAN ) MAGISTRATE JUDGE COX |
| v.   | ) EDA<br>) Case No.                  |
| MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS<br>BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY<br>RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK<br>KELLERMAN, | )<br>)<br>)<br>)                     |
| Defendants.  | ,<br>)                               |

#### PATRICK KELLERMAN'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant Patrick Kellerman ("Kellerman"), by his undersigned counsel hereby removes this action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1), 1441 and 1446. In support of his removal, Kellerman states as follows:

- 1. Ontonagon Power Group, Inc. ("Ontonagon") commenced an action (the "State Court Action") in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Chancery Division (Case No. 08 CH 31223) against four defendants, including Kellerman. A true and correct copy of Ontonagon's complaint (and all other documents filed and served in that case) is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. The Complaint seeks damages and injunctive relief against Kellerman and three other defendants: (1) Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC ("ICR"); (2) Mallard Leasing, LLC ("MLL"); and (3) Douglas Brown.
- 3. The complaint establishes that diversity jurisdiction exists in this case. On its face, the Complaint alleges that Ontonagon is a Michigan corporation with a principal office in Ft. Myers,

Florida; that defendant ICR is a Kansas limited liability company with its principal place of business in Wichita, Kansas; and that MLL is a West Virginia limited liability company with its principal place of business in West Virginia. In addition, the complaint establishes that Brown is the owner and managing agent of MLL and Kellerman is the owner and managing agent of ICR. Ontaganon's submissions list a West Virginia address for Brown and a Kansas address for Kellerman.

#### JURISDICTION FOR RELIEF SOUGHT

- 4. By virtue of this Notice of Removal, Kellerman removes the State Court Action to this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441, and 1446. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims in this State Court Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1).
- 5. The parties are citizens of different states. Kellerman is a resident of Kansas. (Affidavit of Patrick Kellerman, att. as Ex. B hereto) Douglas Brown is a resident of West Virginia. (Affidavit of Douglas Brown, att. as Ex. C hereto)
- 6. The amount of controversy exceeds \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs. (See Ex. A ¶ 4, 14(b)).
- 7. All of the Defendants in the State Court Action consent to its removal to this Court. (See Exs. B, C)

#### **GROUNDS FOR RELIEF**

- 8. Kellerman will promptly file a true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Cook County, Illinois, Chancery Division and will serve the Notice as required under 28 U.S.C. § 1446.
- 9. By filing this Notice of Removal, Kellerman does not waive any rights, claims, actions, defenses, set-offs or recruitments to which Kellerman is or may be entitled to in law or at equity,

all of which rights, claims, actions, defenses, set-offs or recruitments Kellerman hereby expressly reserves.

10. Kellerman received actual notice of this action.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Patrick Kellerman hereby removes the State Court Action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441, and 1446.

Dated: September 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I caused to be served the foregoing NOTICE OF REMOVAL, which is attached, upon all parties to this case via hand delivery and first-class U.S. Mail, on September 2, 2008, addressed as follows:

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JUDGE MORAN
MAGISTRATE JUDGE COX
EDA

# Exhibit A

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CHANCERY DIVISION

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC. a Michigan corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK KELLERMAN,

Defendants.

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Case No. 08 CH

Judge

## VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION, DECLARATORY JUDGMENT, ACCOUNTING AND DAMAGES

Now comes Ontonagon Power Group, Inc. (hereinafter "OPG"), and for and as its Complaint against Mallard Leasing, LLC (hereinafter "MLL"), Douglas Brown (hereinafter "Brown"), Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC (hereinafter "ICR") and Patrick Kellerman (hereinafter "Kellerman"), says as follows:

#### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 1. OPG is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, having its principal office in Ft. Myers, Florida, and is engaged in the business of remediation, demolition, sales and consulting.
- 2. MLL is a limited liability company. On information and belief, MLL is organized and exists under the laws of the State of West Virginia, and has its principal office in that state.

  Brown is the owner and managing agent of MLL.

- 3. ICR is a limited liability company. On information and belief, ICR is organized and exists under the laws of the State of Kansas, and has its principal place of business in Wichita, Kansas. Kellerman is the owner and managing agent of ICR.
- 4. OPG is the sole owner of all rights to sell and remove coal and coke located at the Acme Steel and Coal plant, 11236 South Torrence Avenuc, Riverdale, Illinois (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Product"), by virtue of agreement with Jabco Industrial Services Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Jabco") dated July 6, 2007 (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A). OPG's ownership rights to sell and remove the coal are secured by a lien, duly filed with the Illinois Secretary of State on or about May 24, 2007, a copy of the filing being attached hereto as Exhibit B. OPG's rights to remove and sell the coal and coke are valuable, unique and time-sensitive. OPG estimates that it will receive in excess of three million dollars for the Product, but all removal of Product must be completed by the time demolition of the Acme Steel and Coal plant (hereinafter "Acme Plant") is finished. OPG expects demolition to be completed by Jabco by October 21, 2008.
- 5. The rights to sell and remove coal and coke from the Acme Plant is currently the sole asset of OPG, representing its only course of possible income.
- 6. On or about November 9, 2006, OPG and MLL appointed MLL as OPG's agent for the recovery of "all coal or coke which may be recovered and marketed economically." Executed copies of the documents (hereinafter "Agency Appointment") so appointing MLL is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a>. The shipping period under the Agency Agreement was "Approximately November 2006 to May 2007."

- 7. Thereafter, MLL, pursuant to directions from Brown, materially breached the terms of its agency and its fiduciary obligations as agent for OPG, and damaged OPG, by actions and omissions including the following:
- (a) Because Brown and MLL, contrary to their representations to OPG, could not market the Product, they purported to appoint ICR and Kellerman as sub-agents to market and sell the Product without notification to or consent from OPG. Brown and MLL had no power to appoint sub-agents.
- (b) On or about September 24, 2007, all of the defendants, acting in concert, sold to DTE Coal Services, Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, up to 40,000 tons of coal from the Acme site at the price of \$31.00 per ton. However, the defendants remitted to OPG only \$30.00 per ton, as appears from invoice for the transaction, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- (c) On or about October 9, 2007, ICR and Kellerman purported to issue a purchase order as principal for 40,000 tons of coal and coke to MLL. Similarly, on November 10, 2007, ICR and Kellerman purported to issue another purchase order as principal for up to 4,000 tons of coal and coke to MLL. These purported purchase orders were issued to MLL in violation of OPG's rights as owner of the coal and coke. Copies of the respective purchase orders are attached hereto as Exhibits E and F.
- (d) On or about October 19, 2007, MLL and Brown without prior notice invoiced ICR for coal and coke from the Acme yard in the amount of \$111,530.40. The invoice purported to direct full payment of the invoice amount to MLL, in violation of MLL's obligations as agent and fiduciary.
- (e) Defendants sold numerous shipments from the premises for which they failed to pay OPG. OPG does not know the sums of payments not remitted by Defendants. OPG requests that this Court order Defendants to account for sums wrongfully withheld.
- (f) MLL failed to maintain an office onsite with copies of records in violation of the provisions of Paragraph 5 of the Agency Appointment.
- (g) MLL failed to provide insurance certificates to OPG in violation of the provisions of paragraph 7 of the Agency Appointment.
- (h) Brown and MLL sought to sell coal and coke with water and stone added so as to defraud purchasers as to true weight, as shown by <u>Exhibit G</u> hereto.
- 8. On or about February 4, 2008, OPG, by its CEO, Conrad Petersen, terminated the Agency Appointment, thus terminating any and all rights or powers which Defendants, or any of them, may have possessed with regard to recovery or sale of coal and coke at the Acme Plant, as

evidenced by email of that date sent from Petersen to MLL and Brown, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit H hereto.

- 9. On numerous occasions, subsequent to February 4, 2008, Defendants have interfered with OPG's efforts to sell and remove the coal and coke from the Acme Plant by falsely telling customers that they rather than OPG own the coal and coke.
- 10. On May 2, 2008, Conrad Petersen died. His widow, Patricia, succeeded him as CEO of OPG.
- 11. Mallard and Brown thereupon intensified and aggravated their actions in attempting to unlawfully appropriate OPG's coal and coke at Acme by conduct including the following:
- (a) Within 12 hours after Conrad Petersen's death, MLL sent a certified letter to Patricia Petersen, demanding additional funds and allowing work to resume and proceed to completion, although MLL's agency had been terminated.
- (b) Defendants are currently soliciting, without authorization, sales to potential customers which makes it impossible for OPG to sell product.
- (c) On about July 17, 2008, the attorney for MLL and Brown maliciously interfered with OPG's rights and plans to market the coal through Crown Coal & Coke ("Crown"), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as appears from letter of that date sent by Mark A. Swartz, Esq., a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit I</u>. Crown has the ability to sell all of the Product on the premises. However, Crown will not market the Product in the absence of a court order confirming and enforcing OPG's rights. An e-mail from Crown dated August 11, 2008, confirms that Defendants' actions are making it impossible for Plaintiff to market the coal and coke.
- 12. Customers and potential customers are unwilling to purchase the coal and coke without relief from the Court vindicating and enforcing OPG's rights.
- 13. Defendants conduct is continuing in nature causing continued damage to Plaintiff's reputation in its industry and resulting in damages difficult to ascertain, in terms of lost revenue at the Acme Plant and lost business.

- 14. OPG will suffer irreparable damage and requires swift relief form this Court because, in the absence of such relief granted swiftly:
  - (a) Customers and potential customers are being scared away by the unlawful actions of the Defendants, and as a result are likely not to deal with OPG in the future;
  - (b) Once demolition of the Acme Plant is completed, OPG will lose its valuable rights to sell the Product, resulting in a loss estimated between 2 and 4 million dollars. The only way for OPG to realize this value is to extract and sell the coal and coke.
  - (c) Without use of its sole asset and source of income, OPG is unable to operate as a business.
  - (d) OPG's reputation in the industry in which it practices is being continuously damaged by Defendants conduct.

#### **COUNT I: CLAIM FOR INJUNCTION**

- 15. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 16. If Defendants are not restrained from further interfering with OPG's rights to recover and sell coal and coke, OPG will be unable to realize the full value of its property rights because its rights will terminate on October 21, 2008. Additionally, after October 21, 2008, the weather conditions in Chicago will begin to become incompatible with extracting coal and coke from the Acme Plant.

- 17. OPG's reputation in the industry in which it practices is being damaged by the continuing actions of the defendants to frustrate their ability to extract and market the coal and coke located at the Acme Plant, and Defendants' claims to third parties that OPG is attempting to extract coal and coke that only Defendants have the rights for.
- 18. OPG is threatened with irreparable harm for the reasons alleged aforesaid if this Court will not grant the injunctive relief requested herein.
  - 19. OPG has no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, OPG prays that it be granted a preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction, restraining and enjoining the Defendants, and all persons acting in concert and participation with them, from interfering in any manner with OPG's efforts to recover and sell coal and coke from the Acme Plant, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and that OPG recover its cost of suit.

#### COUNT II: CLAIM FOR ACCOUNTING

- 20. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 20 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 21. Under the terms of the contract between OPG and MLL, MLL was to keep copies of all records pertaining to ACME Plant available for inspection and copying at the Acme Plant site. See Exhibit C. MLL failed to do so, and has not made those records available.
- 22. Upon information and belief, OPG alleges that Defendants have received substantial sums of money for selling product from the Acme Plant, which monies belong to

OPG but were not remitted to OPG. These accounts are complicated, in sole possession of the Defendants, and require relief by way of an accounting which this Court should order.

WHEREFORE. OPG prays that this Court order an accounting of all sums due to it from the Defendants, and upon completion of the accounting, that judgment be entered in favor of OPG and against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for all sums due and owing to OPG, further that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and that OPG recover its cost of suit.

#### COUNT III: CLAIM FOR SLANDER OF TITLE

- 23. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 24. As alleged aforesaid, Defendants continue to claim to be owners of the coal and coke at the Acmc Plant to individuals that OPG is attempting to market this coal and coke.
- 25. These claims are false and malicious, and intended to prevent OPG from realizing the value of its rights in the coal and coke at Acme Plant, as well as damage its reputation in the industry in which it practices.
- 26. Defendants have no reasonable grounds to believe that they have any continuing interest in the Coal and Coke at Acme Plant.

Wherefore, OPG prays that judgment be entered in its favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and recover its cost of suit.

## COUNT IV: CLAIM FOR TORTUOUS INTERFERENCE WITH. A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

- 27. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 26 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 28. OPG entered into a valid business relationship with Crown in order to market and sell the remaining coal and coke at the Acme Plant after OPG terminated its contract with MLL.
- On information and belief, Defendants were aware that OPG had hired Crown to replace them as the marketer/seller of the coal and coke located at the Acme Plant, and that Crown was beginning to develop business relationships with the expectancy of selling the coal and coke.
- 30. As alleged aforesaid, Defendants continue to take action preventing Crown from performing its obligations to market the coal and coke, resulting in a diminishing expectancy that it may be able to sell the coal and coke on OPG's behalf, and in the termination of Crown's expectancy to develop certain business relationships to sell the products.

Wherefore, OPG prays that judgment be entered in its favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and recover its cost of suit.

#### **COUNT V: CLAIM FOR CONSPIRACY**

31. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 30 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.

- 32. The Defendants have conspired and carried out a conspiracy to deprive OPG of its valuable rights to recover and sell Product form the Acme Steel site.
- 33. The unlawful conspiracy entered into by Defendants has damaged OPG in an undetermined amount.
- 34. OPG is entitled to recover damages against the Defendants for damages caused it by Defendants' conspiracy.

WHEREFORE, OPG prays that judgment be entered in its favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and recover its cost of suit.

## COUNT VI: CLAIM FOR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES (DEFENDANTS MLL AND BROWN ONLY)

- 35. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 34 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 36. OPG and the Defendants had a fiduciary relationship as a result of the agreement they entered into for the purpose of extracting and marketing the coal and coke located at the Acme Plant.
- 37. OPG trusted Defendants to conduct "Production, planning, and marketing.... in a manner to best promote the interest of both parties." See Exhibit C.
- 38. As a result, Defendants owed OPG fiduciary duties such as loyalty, care, and candor.

- 39. Defendants violated these fiduciary duties as alleged aforesaid, including but not limited to:
- (a) Brown and MLL, contrary to their representations to OPG could not market the Product, they purported to appoint ICR and Kellerman as sub-agents to market and sell the Product without notification to or consent from OPG. Brown and MLL had no power to appoint sub-agents.
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- (h) Brown and MLL sought to sell coal and coke with water and stone added so as to defraud purchasers as to true weight, as shown by Exhibit G hereto.

WHEREFORE, OPG prays that judgment be entered in its favor against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and recover its cost of suit.

## COUNT VII: CLAIM FOR AIDING AND ABETTING BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES (DEFENDANTS ICR AND KELLERMAN ONLY)

- 40. OPG realleges paragraphs 1 through 39 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if it were set forth verbatim.
- 41. As stated aforesaid, Defendants MLL and Brown violated the fiduciary duties they owed to OPG.
- 42. Defendants ICR and Kellerman, on information and belief, were aware of the relationship between OPG and MLL and Brown, and were aware of their role in breaching the duties owed to OPG by Defendants MLL and Brown.
- Despite this knowledge, ICR and Kellerman took substantial steps toward aiding in the breach of duties by accepting the apparent appointment from MLL and Brown to market the coal and coke located at the Acme Plant, without the knowledge of OPG.

WHEREFORE, OPG prays that judgment be entered in its favor against the Defendants Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC and Patrick Kellerman, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that OPG have such other and further relief as is proper, and recover its cost of suit.

Dated: August 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC., Plaintiff

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#### **VERIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this Complaint are true and correct based on her personal knowledge, and if swom as a witness could competently testify thereto, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

Patricia Petersen
Ontonagon Power Group

#### RECOVERY AND SALES AGREEMENT

This Recovery and Sales Agreement (the "Agreement"), by and between Ontonagon Power Group ("OPG") and Jabos Industrial Services Company, Inc. ("Jabos"), is effective as of this 5th day of July, 2007.

#### RECITALS

- A. Salrecon, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Salrecon"), has the demolition contract at the Actne Coke Plant located at 11236 Torrence Avenue, Riverdale. II. (the "Plant"). Pursuant to a letter agreement dated October 11, 2006, Salrecon subcontracted with Jabou for certain demolition and recovery services at the Plant.
- B. Pursuant to an agreement between Saircon and OPG dated October 27, 2006:

  (i) Saircon conveyed to OPG the recovery and sales rights to the coke and coal material at the Plant (the "Coke" and the "Coal", respectively);

(ii) The parties agreed to support each other to maximize profits to the best of their abilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises cuntained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, OPG and Jaboo agree as follows:

#### L RECOVERY AND SALES

- A. Coal and Coke Recovery. Iabco shall be the exclusive contractor for the recovery and processing of the Coal and the Coke located at the Plant. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties agree and acknowledge that no deduction shall be made from the Coal Montes or Coke Montes (as each term in defined in Schedule A) before such montes are deposited in the proper escripts account.
- B. Coal Sales. OPG will sell the Coal and deposit the Coal Monics (as defined in Schedule A) from such sales into the Coal Estrow Account (as defined below). OPG and Jaboo agree to split the Coal Monies equally, fifty percent (50%) to OPG and fifty percent (50%) to Jaboo as agent for Salrecon/Jaboo.
- C. Coke Sales. Jabeo will sell the Coke and deposit the Coke Montes (as defined in Schedule A) from such sales into the Coke Estrow Account (as defined below). OPG and Jabeo agree to split the Coke Montes equally, fifty percent (50%) to OPG and fifty percent (50%) to Jabeo as agent for Salecon/Jabeo.
- D. Pre-Effective Transfers. With regard to any Coke and/or Coal sold and/or removed from the Plant prior to the effective date of this agreement (the "Pre-Effective

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- C. Proposed Distribution Notices. At least monthly, or more frequently as required by Paragraphs A and B of this Article II, each of the Coal Escrow Agent and the Coke Escrow Agent shall circulate a written proposed distribution schedule that shall set forth the amounts to be distributed pursuant to this Article II (each such schedule, a "Proposed Distribution Notice shall be Notice"). Unless a party objects in writing within 3 days, a Proposed Distribution Notice shall be deemed accepted and the escrow agent shall disburse funds accordingly. Each of the Coal Escrow Agent and the Coke Escrow Agent shall be held hamiless and indemnified by OPG and Isbur against any and all claims if distributions are made according to the Proposed Distribution Notice.
- agreement between labor and Salrecon, labor is acting as Salrecon's agent with regard to the receipt of the Coal Monies. Payment of funds from the Coal Escrow Account to labor as agent for Salrecon/labor shall discharge any and all obligations with regard to such funds as between OPG and Salrecon. Upon transfer of funds to Jabor, labor undertakes the responsibility for the appropriate division and distribution of funds to Salrecon. Jabor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless OPG, the Coal Escrow Agent, and any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, interest holders, or affiliates, from any and all claims made by Salrecon regarding Coal Monies.
- E. Indemnity of Jahon Payment of funds from the Coke Escrow Account to OPG shall discharge any and all obligations with regard to such funds as between Jahon and any third parties. With respect to any and all claims made by third parties who are asserting rights as agents or assigness of OPG, OPG agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Jahon, the Coke Escrow Agent, and any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, interest holders, or affiliates, from any and all claims made by such third parties.
- F. Disputes. In the event of a dispute regarding the Coal Monies, the Coke Monies, or the deposit, management, or disbursement of finds in the Coal Escriw Account or in the Coke Escrow Account, the parties hereby agree to submit the matter to arbitration as described below in Article 111.

#### III. ARBITRATION

- A. All controversies, disputes or claims arising in connection with, from or with respect to this Agreement which are not resolved within fifteen (15) business days after either party shall notify the other in writing of such controversy, dispute or claim, shall be submitted for arbitration to the Chicago office of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its commercial arbitration rules ("Rules"), with the arbitration proceeding to be conducted in the English language in Chicago, IL, U.S.A.
- B. The commencement of arbitration pursuant to this Article (II shall not cause, or be used as grounds to justify or excuse, either (x) work stoppage at the Plant or (y) deviation from

the Article II procedures for the flow of funds. The parties intend and agree that Article I and Article II continue to govern the relationship of the parties throughout the term of this Agreement.

- C. All costs related to arbitration under this Article III shall be shared 50/50 by QPG and labeo, without regard to the ultimate disposition of such arbitration or any determination or admission of fault by a party.
- arbitrators and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules. OPG and labor shall each appoint one arbitrator and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third arbitrator to act as Chanman of the urbunal. If a party fails to nominate an arbitrator within thirty (30) days from the date when the claimant's Request for Arbitration has been communicated to the respondent, such appointment shall be made by the AAA. The two arbitrators thus appointed shall attempt to agree upon the third arbitrator to act as Chairman. If said two arbitrators fail to nominate the Chairman within thirty (30) days from the date of appointment of the second arbitrator to be appointed, the Chairman shall be spoointed by the AAA.
- E. The arbitrators shall have the right to award or include in their award any relief which they deem proper under the circumstances, including without limitation, money damages (with interest on ungaid amounts from date due), specific performance, injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses. The arbitrators shall issue a written opinion explaining the reasons for their decision and award. The award and decision of the arbitrator shall be conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto and judgment upon the award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. The parties acknowledge and agree that any arbitration award may be enforced against either or both or them in a court of competent jurisdiction and each waives any right to contest the validity or enforceability of such award. The parties further agree to be bound by the provisions of any statute of limitations which would be otherwise applicable to the controversy, dispute or claim which is the subject of any arbitration proceeding initiated hereunder. The parties further agree that in connection with any such arbitration proceeding each shall file any compulsory counterclaim (as defined under the Rules) within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of the claim to which it relates.
  - F. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties shall be entitled in any such arbitration proceeding to the entry of an order by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to an opinion of the arbitrator for specific performance of any of the requirements of this Agreement. This provision shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to and notwithstanding expiration or termination of this Agreement.

### IV. TERM AND TERMINATION

A. Term. This Agreement shall commence as of the date first written above and shall remain in effect until the recovery and sale of all Coal and Coke is completed.

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- B. Termination. In the event of a breach of a provision of this Agreement, the non-breaching party shall, upon 10 days written notice to the breaching party, have a right to terminate the Agreement, provided that the breaching party has a right to attempt to cure such breach to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party within the 10 day period. Any dispute as to what constitutes a breach, or the sufficiency of the cure, shall (if not resolved by agreement between the parties) be submitted to arbitration as provided above.
- C. Survival of Article II. No termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Article IV shall extinguish the rights or obligations of the parties or the duties of the escrow agents pursuant to Article II.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Assignment. Neither party shall assign this Agreement or any rights of obligations hereunder, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other party.
- B. Governing Law; Forum Selection. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without reference to its conflict of laws principles. All disputes arising out of this Agreement between the parties shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Illinois state courts of Cook County, Illinois, and the parties consent to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction of these courts.
- C. Severability. Any term of provision of this Agreement held to be illegal or unenforceable shall, if possible, be interpreted so as to be construed as valid, but in any event the validity of enforceability of the remainder hereof shall not be affected.
- D. Waiver. The waiver of, or failure to enforce, any breach or default hereunder shall not constitute the waiver of any other or subsequent breach or default.
- Relationship of Parties. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any agency, joint venture, or partnership relationship between the parties. Neither party shall have the right to hind the other to any obligation, now have the right to incur any liability on hehalf of the other.
- F. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior proposals, agreements, and representations between them, whether written or oral. This Agreement may be changed only by mount agreement of the parties in writing.
- G. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which will be considered an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.
- H. Attorney's Fees. In addition to the other remedies provided for in this Agreement, in the event legal action is instituted by one of the parties to enforce the terms of this

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- Section Headings. The section headings throughout this Agreement are for convenient reference only, and shall in no way be desired to limit, modify, or add to the interpretation, construction or meaning or any provision of this Agreement.
- Force Majeure. Except for obligations to pay money, neither party shall have the responsibility for any delay or failure of performance resulting from causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. In such event, the delayed party shall perform its obligations hereunder within a reasonable time after the cause of the delay or failure has been remedied.
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Transfere"), labor will provide (or cause to be provided) to OPG a full and accurate accounting, including (but not limited to), price and payment terms, identity and location of buyer(s), shipper(s) and any other relevant parties, and any other documentation OPG decans necessary. Iabor agrees to work in good faith to provide OPG with any needed information with respect to the Pre-Effective Transfers. All mories from the Pre-Effective Transfers will be split equally, fifty percent (50%) to OPG and fifty percent (50%) to Jabor as agent for Salrecon/Jabor.

- E. Access to Plant. Iabco will provide (or cause to be provided) full and unrequired access to the Plant to OPG and its designees and agents during regular or normal business hours. OPG shall provide to Jabco proof of insurance naming Jabco as additional insurance.
- F. Coal Blends. OPG or its agent or representative shall be on site or on call to instruct or direct Jaboo regarding the proper "coal blends" required by OPG's coal customer.
- G. Documentation. Both OPG and labor agree to provide full documentation of all information related to the sale of the Coal and Coke to the other party, so as to allow both parties to assess the timing and size of deposits into the Coal Escrow Account and Coke Excrow Account, respectively.

#### IL ESCROW ACCOUNTS

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## Schedule A Computation of Coal Monies and Coke Monies

#### With regard to the Coal:

The Coal Gross Sales Price shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per ton. From the Coal Gross Sales Price, Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per ton (the "Coal Recovery Fee") shall be payable to Jabco, in consideration of recovery operations with respect to the Coal (including screening, retrieval, sorting, processing, loading and related costs), for a net sales price of Twenty-Three Dollars (\$23.00) per ton (the "Coal Net Sales Price"). For a given amount of Coal, the Coal Net Sales Price multiplied by the number of tons of Coal sold shall be defined as the Coal Monies. The Coal Monies shall be split 50/50 between OPG and Jabco as agent for Salrecon/Jabco, as provided in Article I.

#### With regard to the Coke:

Recovery of the Coke at the Plant shall yield Nut Coke and Coke Fines.

The Nut Coke Gross Sales Price shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per ton. From the Nut Coke Gross Sales Price, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per ton (the "Coke Recovery Fee") shall be payable to Jabco, in consideration of recovery operations with respect to the Coke (including screening, retrieval, sorting, processing, loading and related costs), for a net sales price of Forty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$47.50) per ton (the "Nut Coke Net Sales Price"). For a given amount of Nut Coke, the Nut Coke Net Sales Price multiplied by the number of tons of Nut Coke sold shall be defined as the Nut Coke Monies.

The Coke Fines Sales Price shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per too. For a given amount of Coke Fines, the Coke Fines Sales Price multiplied by the number of tons of Coke Fines sold shall be defined as the Coke Fines Monles.

All Nut Coke Monies and Coke Fines Monies shall, collectively, be defined as the Coke Monies.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Recovery and Sales Agreement by their respective authorized representatives effective as of the date first above written.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED BY:

| ONTO         | NAGON POWER GROUP        |
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|              |                          |
| By:          | NRAD PETERSEN, PRESIDENT |
| LO:<br>Date: | 7-6-07                   |
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JABCO INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CO., INC.

| Ву: | GLENN | POKROPINSK | I, PRESIDENT |
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ACKNOWLEDGED AND RATIFIED BY:

#### October 27, 2006

This is an agreement between Salrecon, LLC and Ontonagon Power Group.

Salrecon, LLC has the demolition contract at the Acme Coke Plant-located at 11236 Torrance Avenue, River Dale, IL. Salrecon has conveyed to Ontonagon Power Group the rights for the recovery and the sales of the Coal and Coke material at the Acme Plant.

Both parties agree to support each other to maximize profits to the best of their abilities.

Ontonagon Power Group agrees to provide Salrecon. LLC with all sales and contract documentation and to make available any other information information related to the sales of said material upon request from Salrecon.

Ontonagon Power Group

Conrad Petersen

Salrecon, LLC
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Single Member

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P.O. Box 1382 St. Albans, WV 25177 Mailard LLC Tel 304-722-2184 Fax 866-746-8780

Sales Confirmation: #\$103006-1

To: Ontonagon Power Group Inc

15341 N. Pebble Lane, Fort Meyers, Fl. 33912

Attn: Mr. Courad Peterson

Tel 239-415-4100

Ref: ACME Coke Plant 11236 Tonance Ave.

Riverdalc, III. (Coal Yard Site)

Coal Description: LV Coal - ACME Coke Plant storage yard residue.

Organity: economically.

All coals or coke which may be recovered and marketed

PO#

Date: 10-30-06

Shipping Period: Approximately November 2006, to May 2007.

(Or previous if all economically feasible coal has been recovered

#### Premium / Pensities: NA

Terms of Payment: Payments to be made Friday following week of loading by wire transfer or certified funds to (Jointly established bank escrow account)
40% of gross to Mallard LLC & 60% of gross to Ontonagon Power Group.

Remarks: Weight to be determined by certified scales at delivery point or other such point as may be mutually agreeable.

Subject to addenda, if any, and to the attacked terms and operational agreement

Mallard LLC

By: M. Douglas Brown, Managing Member, LLC

By Coined Petersen Ontonegon Power Group

#### Mallard Leasing, LLC PO 80x 1382, St. Albans, WV



# Memo

To: Ontonegon Power Group, Inc. (OPG)

From: Mallard Leasing, LLC (MLL)

CC:

Date: October 26, 2006

Res Operating terms and conditions for Coal Yard Operations, Acme Steel & Coke,

11236 Torrance Ave., Riverdale, ILL (Coat Yard Site)

#### Mattard Leasing:

- MLL will commence coal recovery operations at the East Chicago Site within thirty days
  or less from the date of the agreement, or upon completion of up site contractor
  completing environmental remediation process.
- Production, planning and marketing by MLL will be done in a manner to best promote the interest of both parties.
- MilL will have sole discretion for the production and marketing of all cost recovered from the site.
- 4 MLL will be responsible for all production and marketing costs related to the recovery of the coal from the site. All daily production operations will be supervised by MLL on site personnel.
- MLL will maintain an office on site and will maintain copies of all records including bits of takings, truck weigh tickets, etc. and such records will be available for inspection and copyling.
- 6. MLL and OPG will each receive 40% / 60% respectively of the selling price of the coal produced and sold from the site. Whe transfers and checks for payment of coal produced and sold from the site will be deposited by check or wired direct to an escrow account which will be set up for receipt of same. MLL and OPG shall have joint custody of the bank escrow account, requiring both signatures for withdrawal. (Coal seles most generally will be set up on a Friday following payment schedule, however, certain company's may have payment methods and payment cycles which may vary from the Friday following schedule.) Payment schedules which vary from Friday following will be indicated to all pertinent perties.

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- 7. MLL shall previous to commencement of any recovery operations by MLL or its contractors, shall cause insurance (rability) certificates to be provided to OPG or its designated assignee. Malard shall hold hamiless OPG from all accidents which may occur on the site from daily operations of coal recovery.
- B. All personnel of MLL and its contractors shall conform to the minimum safety requirements per OSHA for the jobsite.
- MLL's only obligation under the agreement is for the recovery of economically feasible coal from the site and once completed all responsibility to the agreement and site shall cease.
- 10. MLL & OPG shall cause a contingency fund set aside from gross proceeds of coal sales to be established at the rate of (2.6%, two and one half percent, of gross, as received). Contingency fund shall be funded at the rate of 40% from MLL and 60% from OPG. Contingency fund shall cap at \$250,000,00 max. The total amount of the contingency fund at the completion of the marketable coal recovery operation shall be returned to MLL and OPG respectively minus any withdrawats from contingency fund for approved remediation or other jointly agreed to use of contingency fund montes for completion of Marketable coal recovery operations. Account shall be set up with MLL & OPG & Culp Tracking signature requirement. Disposition of funds shall be within 30 calendar days of completion of Coal recovery operation.

#### Ontonagon Power Group:

- OPG will provide documentation of the chain of title for the coal recovered from the site in East Chicago. This must be clear and unequivocal and will be required previous to commencement of any recovery or marketing operations.
- OPG will guarantee title to the coal and will hold Maliard harmless for any fault that may occur in the chain of title after the coal recovery operations have commenced at the site.
- OPG will allow Mailand to operate under all required demo permits for its recovery of coal
  from the size. Under the demo permit this should be considered as part of the clean up
  operations.
- 4. (ACME Steel & Coke / land owner) will have responsibility for all recigmation and environmental issues and costs, previously edisting or current on the site (ACME Steel & Coke / land owner). MLL shall only be hald responsible for clean up and or remediation of environmental concerns which thru its operations only may occur. After all coal recovery operations have ceased Malard will rough grade the property per disturbed area from coal recovery.

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#### Mallard Leasing, LLC

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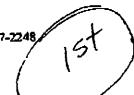
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#### DTE Energy



**Coal Purchase Agreement** 

Agreement Date: September 24, 2007

Seller:

Mailard Lessing, LLC 1701 A Morris Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Buyer:

DTE Coal Services, Inc.

414 S. Main Street.

Suite 200

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Seller Contact: Selier Phone No.: Doug Brown

(304) 722-2184

Buyer Contact: **Buyer Phone No.:**  John Grantham

(734) 887-2207

Buyer Fax:

(734) 887-2056

Broker: Each party represents to the other that it has not retained or employed any broker in connection with this sale.

Description of Commodity:

Reclaimed metallurgical coal from Acme Steel Chicago Coke Plant, substantially free of dirt. debris and other extraneous materials and meeting Specifications set forth below. Seller to screen coal to 3/8" x 0" and to pass coal under magnet to remove any magnetic materials.

Contract Term:

On or about October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

Contract Price:

\$31.00 / ton

Contract Quantity:

Entire output of Seller's rectamation activities at Acme Steel site up to maximum of 40,000

tons.

Contract Shipment:

Approximately ratable monthly truck shipments during the Contract Term. Buyer responsible

for truck haulage.

**Delivery Point:** 

FOB Buyer's truck at Acme Steel site.

Specifications:

Rejection Limits Typical Specifications NA < 11.250 BTUILB. 1.0 0.7 SO2 (% by weight) NA 115 MOISTURE (% by weight) NA 13.35 ASH NA 20.0 VOLATILE MATTER (% by

weight)

BTU Adjustment:

For any shipment with average BTU/lb, less than 11,000, Contract Price will be reduced by

\$ 0.25/ton for every 100 BTU/lb, below 11,000 BTU/lb, fractions pro rata.

Scheduling:

At Buyer's discretion with reasonable notice to Seller.

Weights:

By certified truck scales at DTE Chicago Fuels Terminal. Buyer to provide weights by shipment to Seller. Buyer responsible for the costs associated with weighing of shipment.

Sampling and Analysis:

Representative samples will be collected by Seller during screening and stockpiling of material and at the time that trucks are being loaded. Analysis shall be performed by SGS or another mutually acceptable independent laboratory in accordance with ASTM standards

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with the cost for such sampling and analysis for Seller's account. Such analyses, averaged as stated below, shall be final and binding and govern for payment. Seller shall cause taboratory to provide analysis to Buyer simultaneously with Transmission to Seller, but in no event less than 24 hours before loading of shipment (on stockpile samples) and no more than 24 hours after loading of shipment (on truck samples).

Rejection Limits:

Buyer may reject any delivery of coal that exceeds the Rejection Limits stated in the Specifications, or which based on visual inspection contains any extraneous material ("Non-Conforming Coal"). Seller shall be responsible for cost of disposal of Non-Conforming Coal, including, without limitation, reasonable transportation and handling charges, such as mileage, demurrage, costs for any use of equipment, unloading and reloading charges, and any other reasonable direct costs or charges otherwise incurred by Buyer.

Suspension:

In the event of any delivery of Non-Conforming Coal (whether or not Buyer exercises its right to reject), Buyer may suspend further deliveries until Seller provides adequate assurances that future shipments will conform to Specifications and Commodity Description and may withhold any payments due Seller pending determination whether Buyer has sustained any damages to be offset as provided below. Suspension may be by written or other notice to Seller, but any non-written notice shall be followed by written confirmation within two (2) business days.

**Payment Terms:** 

Seller shall invoice Buyer no later than 10<sup>th</sup> day after end of each calendar month in which deliveries occur. Seller's invoice shall include BTU Adjustment.

Buyer shall pay each invoice within 30 days after receipt. Seller may offset any damages owed Seller by Buyer from any payment. In event of any dispute as to invoice amount, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing and Buyer may withhold disputed portion of payment pending resolution of dispute.

Limitation of Damages:

In no event shall Buyer's damages recoverable for delivery of Non-Conforming Coal exceed an amount equal to \$20/ton times the number of tons delivered under this Agreement.

Special Provisions:

Parties recognize that failure of coal to conform to Specifications and/or Commodity Description above may result in Buyer sustaining additional costs and expenses such as demurtage, extra loading, unloading, and handling costs, equipment damage, and claims from carriers and/or customers.

Other Special Provisions:

No modifications to this Confirmation or to the Additional Terms and Conditions are effective unless and until agreed to in writing by the parties.

|        | Mallard Leasing, LLC | DTE Coal Services, Inc. |
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#### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>. Neither party shall assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 2. NO WAIVER. Waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other breach.
- 3. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.
- 4. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. Each Party herein waives its respective right to any jury trial with respect to any litigation arising under or in connection with, this Agreement or any Transaction.

## Purchase Order - Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC

Order Number: 2007900

Order Date: October 9th, 2007

Fax involces/Manifest to (316) 218-9397

to:

Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC

Ship To: Load Truck, Acme Coke Yeld

1010 North Preserve Ct Wichitz, Kansas 67207

To: Mallard Leuning, Inc.

107 Morris Street, IL. Charleston, WV 25351 Attention: Mr. Doug Brown

Confirmed To:

Mr. Doug Brown

ICR Tax M #:

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Required Date:

Starting October 10th through December 31th, 2007

Material:

2 x 6 recisimed cosi -- Acroe Colce Yard

Volume:

Up to 40,006 NT's

Terms:

Wire Transfer within 7 days other receipt of invoice.

Instructions:

Cifican's Financial Bank 13323 South Ballimore Chicago, IL 60633 ABA 271974033 Account No: 21110537

Ship Vis:

Bulk End Dump Truck (Provided by PNC Trucking)

F.O.B. Price:

\$30.00AUSNT Chicago, IL (Acree Coke Yard)

Freight:

For the account of Industrial Committelly Resources Gustumer.

Other:

It is tecogrized and agreed that this contract between Mallard Leasing, Inc. and industrial Commodity Resources, LLC (ICR) is a "pass though" to contract #2007—101507 (referred to an Recipient). ICR will provide the day-to-day responsibilities of scieduling and involcing with the Recipient. However, Mallard Leasing shall achieve and be held accountable and responsible to the terms and conditions in the Recipient's contract with industrial Commodity Resources, dated 10-06-07, and ottached to this PO. ICR shall not be held directly responsible for any quality, or

quantity feates that mise from this contract with the Reciplent.

\$1,200,000.00

P.O. Number Must Be Referenced On Each Invoice.

ICR Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Purchase Order - Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC

Order Number: 2007990

Order Date: November 10th, 2007

Fax invoices/Menifest to (316) 218-9397

industrial Commodity Resources, LLC

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1010 North Properve Cl Wichita Kansus 172071

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Attivities: Mr. Doug Brown

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Mr. Doug Brown

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Required Date:

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC. a Michigan corporation,

Plaintiff.

Case No.

٧.

MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK KELLERMAN.

Defendants.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT SHEPARD

Robert Shepard, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says as follows:

- I am \_E.V.P.\_ of the Crown Coal and Coke Company ("Crown"), a sales
  agent for furnace and foundry coke and also metallurgical and steam coal.
  - 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit.
- 3. On or about \_July 15. 2008, Ontonagon Power Group ("OPG") appointed Crown as the marketing agent for carbon materials on site at the ACME Coke Plant, located at 11236 Torrance Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois. (Attach contract?)
- 4. Since being appointed by OPG, Crown has pursued various marketing options and issued offers for the sale of coal and Coke from the ACME site.
- 5. Since issuing these offers, Crown has encountered continual interference in its efforts to market coal and coke from the ACME site from Mallard Leasing. LLC ("MLL"), and its agents.
- 6. Potential purchasers who have received our marketing materials and/or offers, have reported to us that MLL is claiming that they are the only entity entitled to

market coal and coke from the ACME site. These potential purchasers are confused by these claims from MLL, and have indicated they will not move forward with any contracts for materials from the ACME site until this apparent conflict is resolved.

- 7. As recently as last week, a potential purchaser informed me that a representative of MLL sent him a copy of a contract granting him rights to the coal located at the ACME facility, and this document was a titled a "Memo."
- 8. The actions of MLL have caused great confusion among the potential purchasers of coal and coke from the ACME plant that Crown is attempting to market to, resulting in delays of orders, and potentially lost sales.

9. Further, Affiant says naught.

Robert Shepard

Signed and sworn to before me this 18th day of August, 2008

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Subject: Re: #2 BOOK4A & STMT #2007ML - YTD/AFD-SHEET

From: cpetersen <opgroup@comcast.nct> Date: Mon. 04 Feb 2008 19:48:47 -0500

To: mallardleasing@aol.com

Dear Doug,

No matter what Tracy says OPG has LIENS and is OWNER of the coal and coke @ the ACME site You were assigned the right to the SALE of coal and coke at the ACME site - as long as you perform to our agreement. Be advised due to your actions (ref. 11-02 e-mail addition of extenders) and your lack of performance, office on site, proper insurance, failure to provide B.O.L. and all coal contracts have been canceled. Your sales services are no longer required by OPG and all contracts signed or verbal have been voided.

I do not want anymore correspondence sent to OPG from Tracy UNLESS it has your signature. I no longer have the time or patience for inaccurate statements...

Thank you Conrad Petersen CEO Ontonagon Power Group

#### mallardleasing@aol.com wrote:

Patti.

Mallard Leasing LLC requires a copy of all invoices for any coal or coke products sold at ACME. Mallard Leasing is owner of record for all coal and coke on the ACME site per various documents. Please insure invoices are attached accordingly.

Mallard Leasing, LLC (304) 722-2184 Office (866) 746-8780 Fax

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July 17, 2008

Via facsimile and U.S. Mail 412.921.2938

Robert N. Shepard Crown Coal & Coke Three Parkway Center, Suite 375 Pittsburgh, PA 15220

> Coal sales from recovery operations at Acme Steel & Re: Coke

Dear Mr. Shepard,

I represent Mallard Leasing and Doug Brown of Mallard. It has come to our attention that Ontonagon Power Group (OPG), or Patti Peterson on behalf or Ontonagon, may have contracted with your company to market coal from the referenced plant.

I enclose herewith a copy of the operating agreement between Mallard and OPG. You will note that paragraph 2, page 1, requires that Mallard market the coal, that paragraph 3, page 1, gives Mallard sole discretion for marketing all coal recovered from the site, and that paragraph 2, second page, requires OPG to guarantee title to Mallard and hold Mallard harmless if there are title issues

Please provide us with a complete copy of any agreement you may have made with Ms. Peterson and/or OPG which purports to authorize your firm to market coal recovered from the Acme Steal & Coke plant.

Obviously, it is my Mallard's view that it has the sole discretion when it comes to marketing this coal. We suspect that OPG did not disclose the terms of its contract with Mallard to you or your firm.

Under the circumstances, we ask that you not hold yourself out as being in a position to market the coal at issue. If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to call me.

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Robert N. Shepard July 17, 2008 Page 2

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Enclosure.

cc: Doug Brown

Joel Sprayregen, Esq., counsel for OPG, via fax to 312.527.4011

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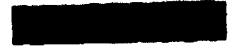
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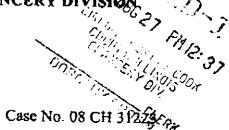
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Judge Mary Ann Mason

# EMERGENCY NOTICE OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

TO: Mallard Leasing, LLC 107-A Morris Street Charleston, WV 25301

Douglas Brown 107-A Morris Strect Charleston, WV 25301 Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

Patrick Kellerman 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 2, 2008, at 930 a.m. we shall appear before the Honorable Mary Anne Mason, in Room 2510 at the Richard J. Daley Center, and then and there present **OPG's Emergency Motion for a Preliminary Injunction**, copies of which are hereby served upon you.

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC.

One of Its Attorneys

Joel J. Sprayregen Roger J. Kiley Attorneys for OPG SHEFSKY & FROELICH LTD. 111 E. Wacker Dr., Ste. 2800 Chicago, Illinois 60601 Telephone: (312) 527-4000 Facsimile: (312) 527-1007

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, a non-attorney, certifies and states under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 that true and correct copies of OPG's Emergency Motion for Preliminary Injunction to be served upon:

Mallard Leasing, LLC 107-A Morris Street Charleston, WV 25301 Douglas Brown
Mallard Leasing, LLC
107-A Morris Street
Charleston, WV 25301

via overnight mail and via facsimile at (866) 746-8780 on this 27th day August, 2008, before 5:00 p.m.

Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

Patrick Kellerman Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

via overnight mail and via facsimile at (316) 218-9397 on this 27th day August, 2008, before 5:00 p.m.

Bill Daitsman

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, LAJINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION 7

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC. a Michigan corporation,

Plaintiff

Plaintiff,

MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK KELLERMAN,

Defendants.

Case No. 08 CH 31223

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 27, 2008, the undersigned caused to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Law Division, the Notice To Appear At The Hearing Of Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC., OPG

By:

One of its Aftorneys

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MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK KELLERMAN,

Defendants.

Case No. 08 CH 31223
Judge

#### **OPG'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

#### Introduction

Ontonagon Power Group, Inc., ("OPG") moves for a preliminary injunction to maintain the status quo by enjoining the Defendants Mallard Leasing, LLC (hereinafter "MLL"), Douglas Brown (hereinafter "Brown"), Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC (hereinafter "ICR") and Patrick Kellerman (hereinafter "Kellerman") from interfering in any manner with OPG's efforts to recover and sell coal and coke from the Acme Steel Plant, while this Court determines the merits of OPG's Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief ("Complaint"). See OPG's Complaint attached as Exhibit A.

#### **Background Facts**

OPG is a corporation engaged in the business of remediation, demolition, sales, and consulting. See OPG's Complaint ("Complaint"), ¶ 1. OPG is the sole owner of all rights to sell and remove coal and coke located at the Acme Steel and Coal plant ("Acme Plant"), located at

11236 South Torrence Avenue, Riverdale, Illinois, by virtue of agreement with Jabco Industrial Services Company, Inc. ("Jabco") dated July 6, 2007. See Exhibit A to the Complaint. OPG's rights to remove and sell the coal and coke are valuable, unique and time-sensitive. OPG estimates that it will receive in excess of three million dollars for the Product, but all removal of Product must be completed by the time demolition of the Acme Plant is finished. OPG expects demolition to be completed by Jabco by October 21, 2008.

On or about November 9, 2006, OPG appointed MLL as OPG's agent for the recovery of "all coal or coke which may be recovered and marketed economically," with a shipping period of "approximately November 2006 to May 2007." See Exhibit C to the Complaint. Thereafter, MLL and Brown materially breached the terms of its agency and its fiduciary obligations as agent for OPG, and the Defendant damaged OPG, by actions and omissions as described in paragraph 6 of the Complaint. Plaintiff then rightfully terminated the contract and agency relationship with Defendants MLL and Brown as described in paragraph 7 and evidenced by Exhibit H of the Complaint. Defendants continue to take actions, as described in paragraphs 8 through 12 and Exhibit I to the Complaint, that frustrate OPG's ability to realize the value of its rights in the coal and coke at the Acme Plant, and damaging its reputation in the industry in which it practices.

OPG now moves for a preliminary injunction that would maintain the status quo, by preventing Defendants from interfering with OPG's efforts to extract coal and coke from the Acme Plant while this Court determines the merits of OPG's Complaint. OPG incorporates by reference herein its Complaint, which is filed simultaneously herewith.

#### Argument

- 1. OPG has moved for a preliminary injunction, and has provided notice of its motion to the Defendants. A temporary restraining order issued with notice and a preliminary injunction issued with notice are the same type of relief, and require the same elements of proof. In Re Estate of Wilson, 373 Ill. App. 3d 1066, 1075, 869 N.E. 2d 824, 833 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. 2007). In either case, the moving party must establish that it has a protectable right, that it will suffer irreparable harm if injunctive relief is not granted, that its remedy at law is inadequate, and that there is a likelihood of success on the merits. (Id. at 1075, 869 N.E. 2d at 833). The party seeking relief needs to show only a "fair question" about the existence of a claim, and that the court should preserve the status quo until the case can be decided on the merits. (373 Ill. App. 3d at 1076, 869 N.E. 2d at 833).
- 2. OPG has a protectable property right in its rights to sell coal and coke from the Acme Plant, as evidenced by Exhibit A to the Complaint.
- 3. OPG faces the threat of irreparable harm for which it has no legal remedy, because on October 21, 2008, OPG's rights terminate as to any coal or coke present at the Acme Plant. After the demolition of the Acme Plant, OPG will be unable to realize the full value of the amounts of coal or coke present at the site. This failure to realize the full value of the coal and coke would be a monetary loss difficult to calculate, somewhere between 2 and 4 million dollars.
- 4. OPG is also suffering irreparable harm because of the damage to its reputation. The failure to extract the coal and coke from the Acme Plant will damage OPG's reputation in the industry in which it does business. Its reputation is further being damages by Defendants' continued conduct in interfering with its efforts to market and sell the coal and coke, resulting in potential buyers declining to do business with OPG. "For there to be an adequate remedy at law

which will deprive equity of its power to grant injunctive relief, the remedy 'must be clear, complete, and as practical and efficient to the ends of justice and its prompt administration as the equitable remedy.' " *Bio-Medical Laboratories, Inc. v. Trainor*, 68 Ill.2d 540, 549, 370 N.E.2d 223, 227 (1977) (citation omitted). The continuing damage to OPG's reputation within its industry is damage difficult to calculate, and is not damage that monetary compensation would cure.

- 5. Finally, the rights to extract the coal and coke at the Acmc Plant represent the sole asset and source of income for OPG, so the continued interference by Defendants frustrating OPG's efforts to realize its value is eliminating its ability to conduct business. See Id. (wrongful suspension of payments constituting 90% of Plaintiff's business would cause damages of an uncertain magnitude).
- 6. As set forth in the Complaint, OPG has a likelihood of success on the merits. The contract between OPG and Defendants MLL and Brown was for a certain period of time defined by the shipping period that expired in May of 2007. See Exhibit C to the Complaint. After this date the contract became an "at will" contract. Additionally, even if the contract was not "at will," Defendants MLL and Brown's materially breached the contract as described in paragraph 6 of the Complaint, amounting to cause for OPG to terminate the conduct. On February 4, 2008, OPG, terminated the contract, thus terminating any and all rights or powers which MLL or Brown may have possessed with regard to recovery or sale of coal and coke at the Acme Plant, as evidenced by the email attached as Exhibit H to the Complaint.
- 7. The balance of harm favors OPG. A preliminary injunction in this case will maintain the status quo by allowing the coal and coke to be extracted from the Acme Plant prior to October 21, 2008, when OPG's rights to the coal and coke is likely to expire. Any claim to extract the coal and coke that is alleged by Defendants would be derivative of OPG's rights, and

while this controversy is decided it serves the interest of both parties to have the coal and coke extracted by a third party. The continued actions by Defendants are only serving to delay extraction to the point that it will no longer be possible.

8. Under these circumstances, OPG has raised a fair question in regard to its claim, established all elements necessary for entry of a preliminary injunction, and in order to preserve the status quo for the benefit of all parties the preliminary injunction should be granted.

WHEREFORE, OPG Ontonagon Power Group, Inc., prays that this Court grant its Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and enter an order preliminarily enjoining, until a hearing on the merits, the Defendants, their agents and any persons acting in active concert with any Defendant, from interfering in any manner with OPG's efforts to recover and sell coal and coke from the Acme Steel Plant, including informing third parties that any of the Defendants are able to or are the sole entities permitted to market coal and coke from Acme, and that this Court grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: August, 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC., OPG

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One of its Attorneys

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v.

MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK KELLERMAN.

Defendants.

Case No. 08 CH 3122

Judge Mary Ann Mason

#### RULE 237 NOTICE TO COMPEL PATRICK KELLERMAN TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING FOR PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Mallard Leasing, LLC TO:

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Patrick Kellerman 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

Douglas Brown 107-A Morris Street Charleston, WV 25301

Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, pursuant to the provisions of Supreme Court Rule 237, the Plaintiff, Ontongan Power Group, requires the appearance at the hearing of its motion for preliminary injunction on September 2, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 2510 of the Richard J Daley Center, Chicago, before Judge Mary Anne Mason, and from time to time thereafter until excused by specific order of the Court, the following individual, whom is an officer, director or employee of the Mallard Leasing, LLC (the "MLL")

#### PATRICK KELLERMAN

Each of said witnesses shall produce at the trial or other evidentiary hearing originals of documents or any tangible thing that may be relevant to Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction, including but not limited to: any and all contracts between and among the parties to this litigation; any and all communications, including electronic mail, between and among the parties to this litigation within the relevant time period; any and all documents, including but not limited to sales agreements, purchase orders, and correspondence, relating to the Acme Steel Plant located in Riverdale, Illinois, or the removal of any coal or coke there-from; any and all communications made to third parties regarding the coal or coke located at the Acme Steel Plant located in Riverdale, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC., OPG

One of its Attorneys

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

The undersigned states under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 that he caused true and correct copies of the attached Notice To Appear At The Hearing Of Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction to be served upon

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by placing same in properly addressed overnight envelopes, correct postage prepaid, in the U.S Mail at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois before the hour of 5:00 pm. this 27th day of August, 2008.

William Daitsman

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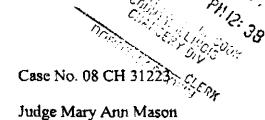
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, pursuant to the provisions of Supreme Court Rule 237, the Plaintiff, Ontongan Power Group, requires the appearance at the hearing of its motion for preliminary injunction on September 2, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 2510 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, before Judge Mary Anne Mason, and from time to time thereafter until excused by specific order of the Court, the following individual, whom is an officer, director or employee of the Mallard Leasing, LLC (the "MLL").

#### DOUGLAS BROWN

Each of said witnesses shall produce at the trial or other evidentiary hearing originals of documents or any tangible thing that may be relevant to Plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction, including but not limited to: any and all contracts between and among the parties to this litigation; any and all communications, including electronic mail, between and among the parties to this litigation within the relevant time period; any and all documents, including but not limited to sales agreements, purchase orders, and correspondence, relating to the Acme Steel Plant located in Riverdale, Illinois, or the removal of any coal or coke there-from; any and all communications made to third parties regarding the coal or coke located at the Acme Steel Plant located in Riverdale, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC., OPG

One of its Attorneys

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

The undersigned states under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 that he caused true and correct copies of the attached Notice To Appear At The Hearing Of Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction to be served upon:

Mallard Leasing, LLC 107-A Morris Street Charleston, WV 25301 Douglas Brown 107-A Morris Street Charleston, WV 25301

Patrick Kellerman 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206 Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC 1010 N. Preserve Court Wichita, KS 67206

by placing same in properly addressed overnight envelopes, correct postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois before the hour of 5:00 p.m. this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

William Daitsman

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# Exhibit B

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT CIRCUIT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

| ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC.  a Michigan corporation,         | ) |          |
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| a typolinguit corporation,                                   | ) |          |
| Plaintiff,   | ) |          |
| v.   | ) | Case No. |
| MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS<br>BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY | ) |          |
| RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK                                   | ) |          |
| KELLERMAN,   | ) |          |
| Defendants.  | í |          |

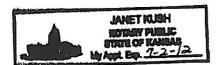
#### AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICK KELLERMAN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Patrick Kellerman, first being duly sworn and upon oath says:

- I am over 21 years of age, of sound mind, and otherwise competent to testify.
   The statements in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, and I could, if called, testify to them.
- I understand I am a named defendant in a State Court Action filed in the Circuit
   Court of Cook County, Illinois, Chancery Division, identified as Case No. 08 CH 31223.
- I am currently the owner and managing agent of Industrial Commodity Resources,
   LLC, which is organized and exists under the laws of Kansas.
  - I am a resident of Kansas.
- 5. I and Industrial Commodity Resources, LLC consent to removal of Case No. 08 CH 31223 to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division in accordance with the Notice of Removal.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

this 29 day of August, 2008.



MAGISTRATE JUDGE COX

# Exhibit C

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT CIRCUIT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

| ONTONAGON POWER GROUP, INC. a Michigan corporation,  | )<br>)<br>) |          |
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| Plaintiff,   | )           |          |
| v.   | )<br>)<br>) | Case No. |
| MALLARD LEASING, LLC, DOUGLAS<br>BROWN, INDUSTRIAL COMMODITY<br>RESOURCES, LLC and PATRICK<br>KELLERMAN, | )           |          |
| Defendants.  | )           |          |

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DOUGLAS BROWN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Douglas Brown, first being duly sworn and upon oath says:

- 1. I am over 21 years of age, of sound mind, and otherwise competent to testify. The statements in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, and I could, if called, testify to them.
- 2. I understand I am a named defendant in a State Court Action filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Chancery Division, identified as Case No. 08 CH 31223.
- 3. I am currently the owner and managing agent of Mallard Leasing LLC, which is organized and exists under the laws of West Virginia.
  - I am a resident of West Virginia.
- 5. I and Mallard Leasing, LLC consent to removal of Case No. 08 CH 31223 to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division in accordance with the Notice of Removal filed by Defendant Patrick Kellerman.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Douglas Brown

OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public, State of West Virginia
Tracy M. Tyler
1015 7th Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
My Commission Expires April 19, 2018

Subscribed and sworn before me, this \_\_ day of August, 2008.